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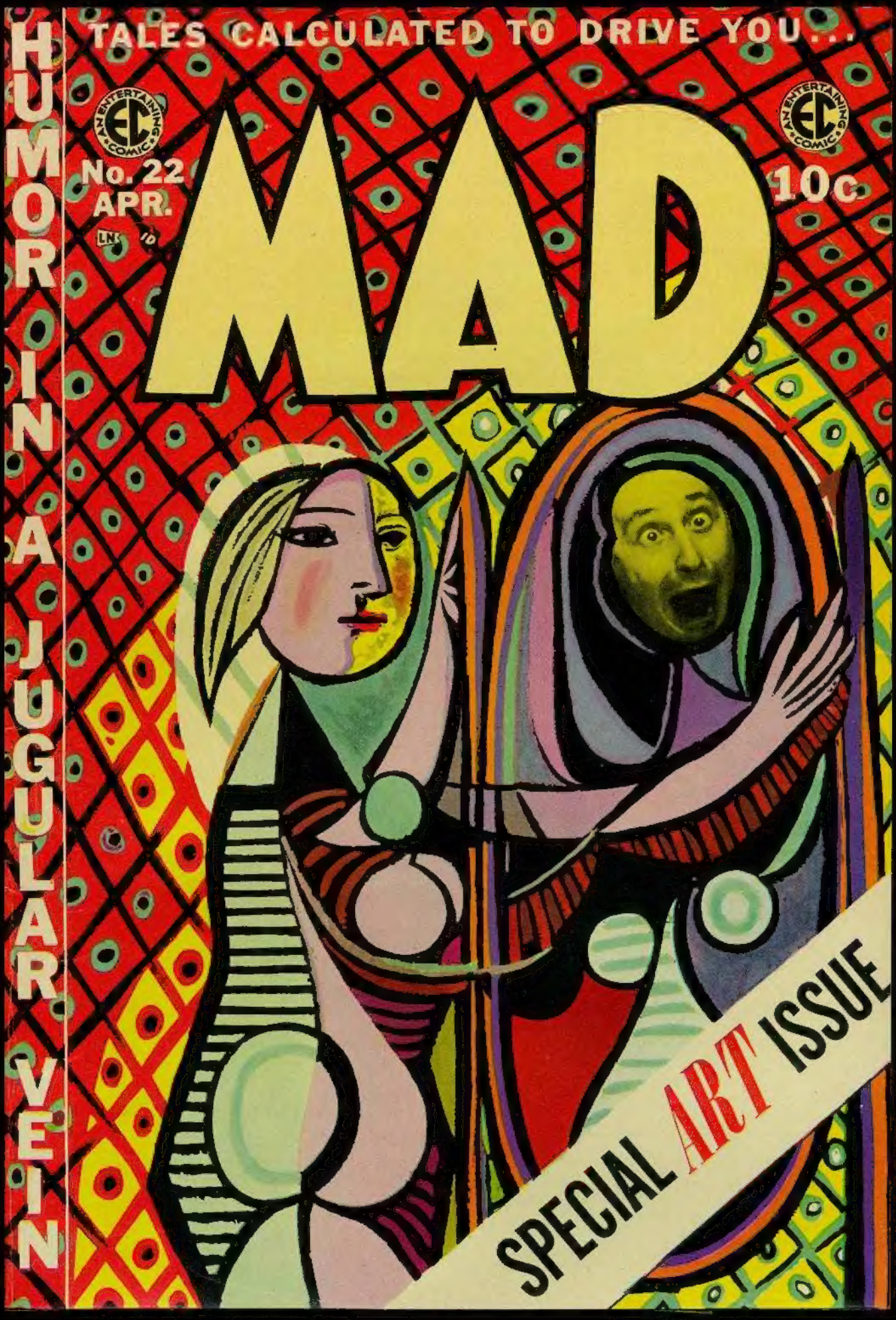

SPECIAL ART ISSUE

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Ladies and Gentlemen: We are very pleased to announce that this is going to be a real high-class issue.

Now first of all, in movies when you see actors and actresses, you know so much about them. Forinstance you know all the important things about their lives, you know all about who they're married to, you know all about who they were married to, you know all about who they're going to get married to, and you know all about who they'd better get married to. You know about all the hardships they suffered in life making a career like forinstance how many times they been in jail and etc.

But how's about cartoonists? How's about comic-book artists? Do you hear all about them? Do you know the important things they've done like how many times in jail and etc.? Hah? Do you? Hah I'm asking you? The answer is "No!" So what's so hot about actors and actresses that they get all the attenion? Tell me? What's so hot about a Marilyn Monroe? Wait a minute! Let's start all over again. Cartoonists are practically the same as actors. Actors work on a stage. cartoonists work on a page. Actors make plenty money, cartoonists make plenty lucky-bucks.

They're both just the same.

So, like actors get stories of their lives told all the time, we, the big wheels of MAD have decided to devote this whole issue to one of our lucky cartoonists. We have decided to give this lucky fellow the kind of write-up that movie-stars get. Even if the public would rather read about movie-stars, we have decided! . . . Even if our readers don't want stories about cartoonists, we have decided! . . . Even if this cartoonist don't want stories about cartoonists (inconsiderate, miserable two-bit hack) we have decided!

So here's what we're going to do. We're going to take this whole issue to show off the art-work of one of our cartoonists from the time he was a tiny, miserable two-bit hack infant to the present when he is now a big, miserable two-bit hack grown-up.

And so, all kidding aside, to you, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, things from outer-space . . . we proudly present to you a portfolio the work of that illustrious cartoonist, that clever craftsman, that miserable two-bit hack . . .

BILL (CHICKEN FAT) ELDER

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BILL (CHICKEN-FAT) ELDER DEPT.! MAD'S FIRST LAUGH IS GOING TO BE ON YOU SINCE YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE BUYING A COMIC-BOOK AND YOU GOT THIS SICKENING MESS! ANYHOW SINCE TRUE GENIUS SHOWS AT AN EARLY AGE WE HAVE TO GO FAR BACK TO FULLY UNDERSTAND HIS ART-WORK; TO EXPLAIN HOW HE CAME BY HIS TALENTED MIND... HOW HE ACCIDENTALLY FELL ON HIS HEAD! AND SO WE PRESENT THE DRAWINGS OF BILL ELDER...

THE CHILD!

FROM THE MOMENT BILL ELDER WAS BORN... DID HE YELL FOR MILK?.. DID HE SHRIEK TO BE BURPED?.. NO! HE DREW THIS SCRAWL IN COLORED CHICKEN-FAT!

HIS DRAWING RAPIDLY IMPROVED GETTING MORE AND MORE COMPLEX AS YOU CAN SEE IN THIS PICTURE HE SCRAWLED AT THE AGE OF ONE WEEK!

STILL HE CONTINUED TO GET BETTER, AND AT THE AGE OF TWO WEEKS WITH HIS CHUBBY LITTLE FINGER DIPPED IN CHICKEN-FAT, HE CRUDELY SCRAWLED THIS PICTURE!

ON HIS FIRST BIRTHDAY, ELDER GOT FINGER PAINTS WHICH HE SUCCESSFULLY MIXED WITH CHICKEN-FAT TO MAKE THESE SHMEARS... HIS FIRST PAINTING!

BEING VERY AMBITIOUS, HE EXPERIMENTED SHMEARING ON DIFFERENT SURFACES AND TEXTURES AS IN PAINTING #2 ON THE FAMILY TOWELS!

DESPITE HIS AGE... HIS SIZE... THE SHOT HIS MOTHER GAVE HIM... HE CONTINUED HIS EXPERIMENTS SHMEARING PAINTING #3 ON UNCLE LOUIE'S BALD HEAD!

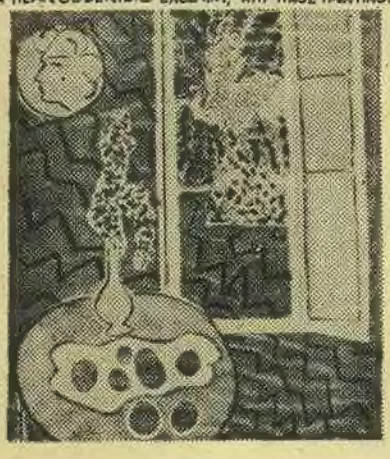
SINCE A TRUE ARTIST EXPERIMENTS WITH DIFFERENT PAINTS AND SURFACES TO PAINT ON, PAINTING #5 WAS DONE IN FINGER PAINT MIXED WITH CHICKEN-FAT AND H-O OATS SHMEARED ON AUNT BRUNHILDA'S BEST DRESS!

AT AGE 2, YOUNG ELDER SEEKING LARGER CANVASSES TO WORK ON DID PAINTING #50 IN FINGER-PAINT MIXED WITH CHICKEN-FAT, H-O OATS, MASHED BANANA PULP, AND CREOSOTE, SHMEARED ON HIS NURSERY!

AT AGE 3, YOUNG ELDER LOOKING FOR STILL LARGER PROJECTS, DID PAINTING #75 IN FINGER-PAINT THIS TIME MIXED WITH *DUCK*-FAT, H-O OATS, MASHED BANANA-PULP, CREOSOTE, BOSCO, 3-IN-ONE OIL, KIWI SHOE-POLISH AND HALAVAH... SHMEARED IN THE DOWNSTAIRS LIVING ROOM OF HIS LAVISH HOME! LOOKING BACK ON THIS PAINTING, ELDER HAS ALWAYS FELT THAT IT FAILED IN A SENSE AND REGRETS HE USED DUCK-FAT INSTEAD OF CHICKEN-FAT! AT AGE 4, YOUNG ELDER TACKLED HIS MOST AMBITIOUS PROJECT!

...AT AGE 4 HE DECIDED TO DO A FINGER-PAINTING BIGGER THAN ANY HE HAD EVER PRODUCED! AND SO, AT AGE 4, HE MANAGED TO HAVE THE FOLKS BUY HIM A FINGER PAINT KIT... THE ***JUMBO*** SET... AND HE SET ABOUT MIXING THE PAINTS WITH THE USUAL CHICKEN-FAT, H-O OATS, BANANA-PULP, CREOSOTE, BOSCO, 3-IN-ONE OIL, KIWI POLISH, HALAVAH... AND A STROKE OF GENIUS... ***CHLOROPHYLL*** AND HE PROCEEDED TO SHMEAR THIS PAINTING COMPLETELY OVER THE DOWN-TOWN AREA OF A WHOLE CITY!

TODAY HIS SHMEARS, MOST OF THEM SHMEARED AT 2 YEARS OLD, IN HIS STICKY LITTLE CRIB WHILE SITTING THERE COOING CONTENTEDLY SURROUNDED BY HIS CHICKEN-FAT, HIS BANANA-PULP AND CLOUDS OF GREEN FLIES... TODAY THOSE SHMEARS, (5 OF WHICH ARE SHOWN BELOW) ARE HUNG IN VARIOUS MUSEUMS AND SIGNED WITH ELDER'S VARIOUS PEN NAMES SUCH AS "BRAQUE," "MATISSE," "PICASSO," ETC... THAT IS WHY VERY OFTEN, YOU CAN HEAR OBSERVERS EXCLAIM, "WHY THOSE PAINTINGS LOOK LIKE THEY'VE BEEN SHMEARED BY A 2 YEAR OLD!"



And now, for you MAD readers, an important, astounding, fantastic, dull announcement. We the editors are pleased to announce that a collection of MAD stories have been reprinted in a pocket-book-size edition entitled "The MAD Reader" (after you). For this collection, we have selected the cream of the crop (or the dregs of the earth, whichever the case may be). Yes . . . MAD is marching forward along the victorious path, striding to greater heights, making inroads, as ever, towards destroying minds.

This nauseating little package can be purchased for a trifling 35c. Don't be a cheapskate . . . the object of scorn and ridicule. Scrape up this miserable 35c. We don't question where you get the money . . . whether it's hot or not.

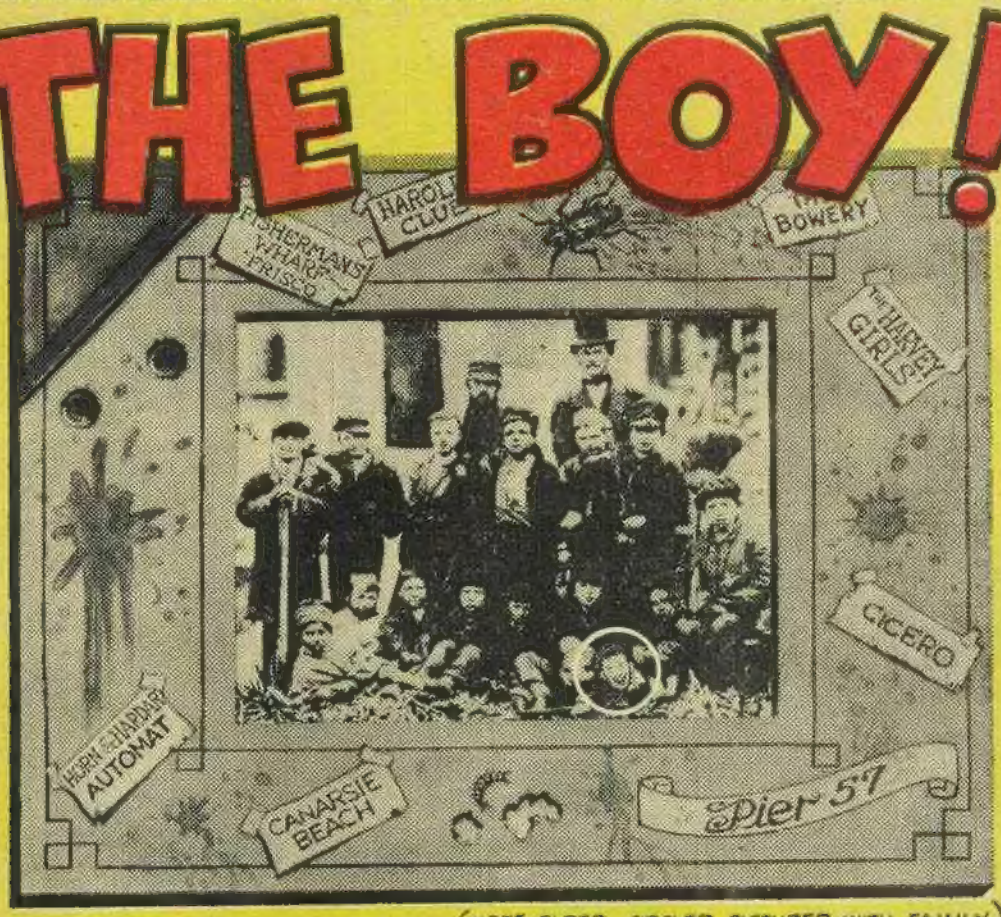
For long hours of enjoyment and happiness, get this book. For the pleasure and entertainment of your friends, get this book. But mainly for the loot we make from the sale of each copy, get this book. Buy The MAD Reader! Buy The MAD Reader! Buy The MAD Reader! Buy The MAD Reader! Buy The MAD Reader! Buy The MAD Reader! Buy The MAD Reader! . . . (We're burning it into your brain, by George!)

Now go out to your drugstore, your newsstand, your candy store, anyplace they sell pocket-books, and buy . . . *buy* . . . BUY . . . the Farmer's Almanac. There's a useful magazine.

The MAD Reader

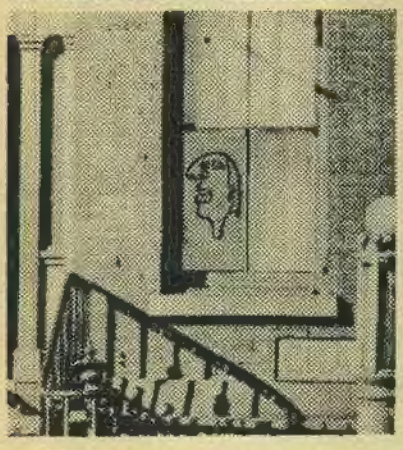
BILL (CHICKEN-FAT) ELDER DEPT., CONTINUED: OH WE GO WITH THIS NAUSEATING NARRATIVE! IT IS HERE THAT WE REACH THE FORMATIVE YEARS... WHEN THE ARTIST HAD EXPERIENCES WHICH WOULD SHAPE HIS WORK TO COME... EXPERIENCES LIKE WORKING WITH DIFFERENT PAINTS, TESTING DIFFERENT TOOLS, FEELING DIFFERENT TEXTURES, ESCAPING DIFFERENT POLICEMEN...! AND SO WE PRESENT THE WORK OF THE GENIUS IDIOT, BILL ELDER...

THE BOY!



(NOTE ELDER, CIRCLED, PICTURED WITH FAMILY.)

YOUNG ELDER'S FIRST TRULY EXPERIMENTAL DRAWING WAS "WET-WINDOW ART" DRAWN WITH A WARM LITTLE FATTY FINGER, ON FROSTED OR VAPOR-CLOUDED GLASS!

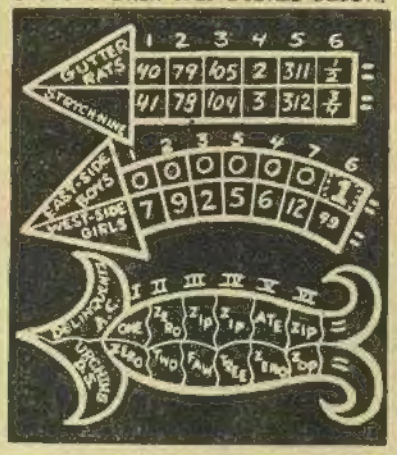


THE YOUNG ARTIST TRIED HIS WET-WINDOW ART ON VARIOUS TYPES OF GLASSES AS IN THIS INSTANCE ON UNCLE LOUIE'S GLASSES!

THIS THIRD EXAMPLE OF WET-WINDOW ART WAS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT SINCE IT WAS DRAWN FROM *INSIDE* THE WASHING MACHINE... WHILE *STILL WASHING!*

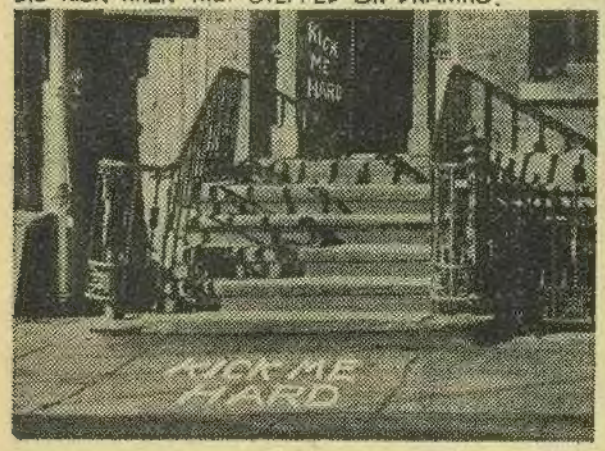
NEXT, THE YOUNG ARTIST TOOK TO DRAWING WITH CHALK, AS BELOW, IN THE GUTTER! THEN... MUCH AS NOW, ONE COULD ALWAYS FIND YOUNG ELDER IN THE GUTTER!

WHILE ANOTHER KID MIGHT WIN PROWESS AS BALL-PLAYER, ELDER WON PROWESS AS A SCORE-KEEPER, DRAWING THESE UNUSUAL "STICK-BALL" SCORES BELOW!



ELDER ALSO WON PROWESS FOR HIS ELABORATE "KICK-ME-HARD" DRAWINGS THAT HE CHALKED BY THE HUNDREDS, AND TINTED WITH CHICKEN-FAT!

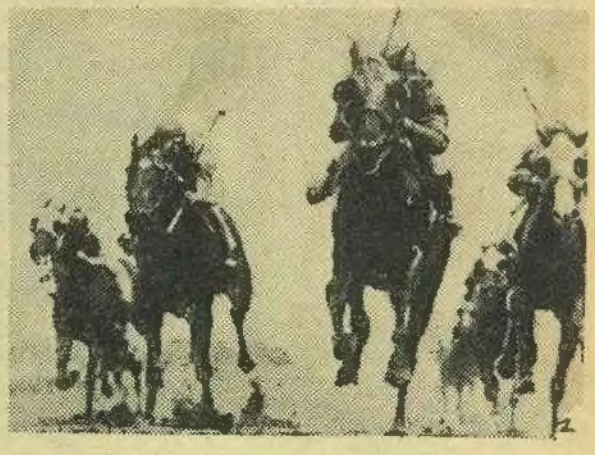
TRUE ART IS FUNCTIONAL! NOTICE HOW FUNCTIONALLY DRAWN ELDER'S "KICK-ME-HARD" DRAWINGS WERE... PLACED CLEVERLY IN DOORWAYS FOR MAIN FUNCTION OF GIVING ANYBODY BIG KICK WHEN THEY STEPPED ON DRAWING!



THE YOUNG ARTIST LEFT MANY OF THESE EXAMPLES OF GUTTER-ART BEHIND! NOTE THIS IMAGINATIVE APPROACH, USING AN INTERESTING TEXTURE... ONE EXAMPLE OF THE WORK LEFT... (DRAWN ON AN ELEPHANT)...

BOY ELDER ALSO DISCOVERED THE JOY OF WORKING IN 3 DIMENSIONS!... THE PLEASURE OF TURNING A CLAY LUMP ON THE POTTERS WHEEL INTO A SPITOON... THE JOY IN SHAPING PLASTIC INTO SPIT-BALLS FOR HIS PUTTY-BLOWER.

AT THE AGE OF 8, HE WAS ALREADY SCULPTING SMALL BITS OF CLAY INTO REALISTIC ANIMAL FIGURES SHOWN BELOW. YOU MUST ADMIT THAT IT'S DIFFICULT NOT TO MISTAKE THEM FOR THE REAL THING!



HERE ARE SOME BITS OF SCULPTURE THE LITTLE RASCAL CARVED JUST BEFORE HE LEFT FOR SCHOOL... REFORM SCHOOL THAT IS!

HERE IS AN INTERESTING LITTLE ASH-TRAY HE KNOCKED OUT WITH HIS PLASTICINE SET, UNDER THE PEN-NAME OF BENVENUTO CELLINI!

ANOTHER PIECE OF WORK HE PUT TOGETHER FROM HIS PLASTICINE SET, HE CALLED "THE THINKER"! THIS USED UP A WHOLE JUMBO PLASTICINE SET!

AT AGE 10, BOY ELDER SAVED MONEY TO BUY AS MANY SETS OF PLASTICINE AS HE COULD AND TOOK ALL THE STRIPS OF COLORED PLASTICINE OUT OF THEIR CELLOPHANE AND MIXED ALL THE COLORED PLASTICINES TOGETHER TO MAKE GREY!... HE MIXED IN A LITTLE CHICKEN FAT... AND PUT THE PLASTICINE IN ONE BIG LUMP AND THEN HE SCULPTED THE HUGE HEADS SEEN BELOW INTO THIS BIG LUMP OF PLASTICINE WEARING OUT A RECORD NUMBER POINTED LOLLIPOP STICKS IN THE PROCESS!

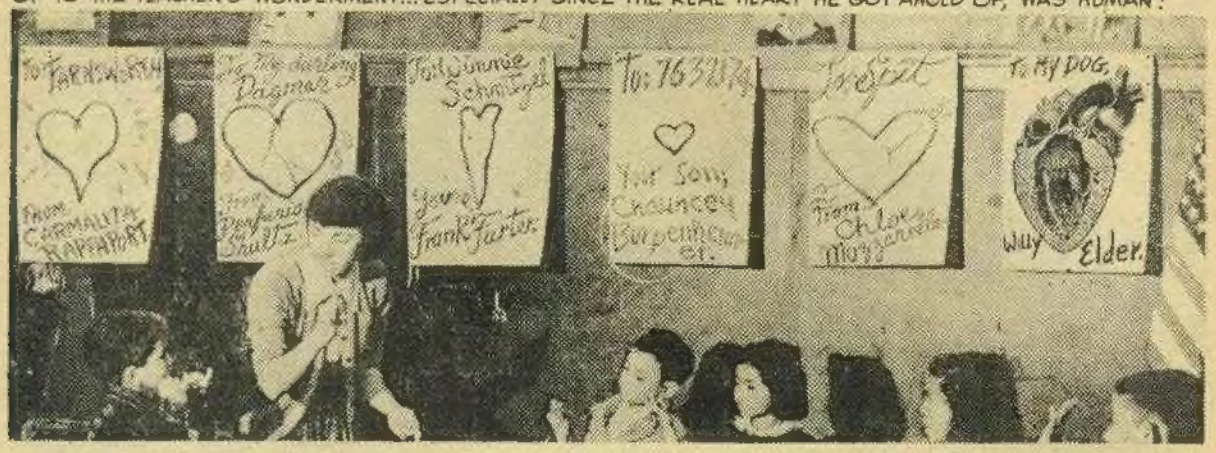
(NOTE ELDER CIRCLED!)

LIKE A TRUE ARTIST, THE YOUNG ELDER'S TALENTS WERE BY NO MEANS CONFINED TO DRAWINGS AND SCULPTURE. HE MADE MANY PAPER CUT-OUTS, ETC. (BELOW)!

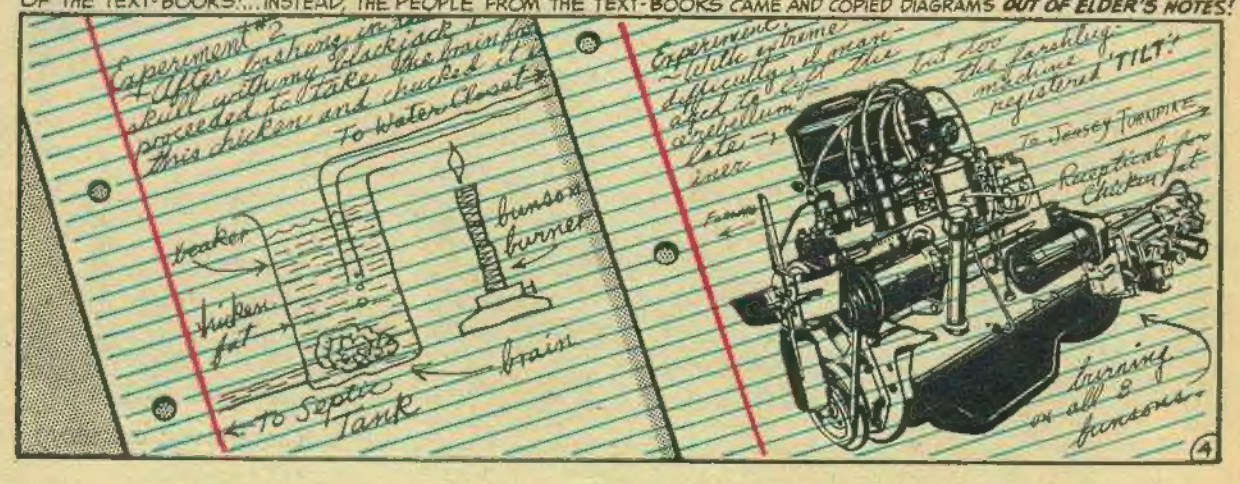
WHEN HIS CLASS TOOK UP RUG-WEAVING, ELDER, NOT CONTENT WITH THE LITTLE 5 INCH RUGS THEY MADE, TURNED OUT THIS MAGNIFICENT 5 YARD RUG.

ALSO, WHEN HIS CLASS TOOK UP RAFIA WEAVING, ELDER, NOT CONTENT WITH THE LITTLE 5 INCH RAFIA SKIRTS TURNED OUT THIS MAGNIFICENT 5 FT. HULA DANCER!

WHEN, IN DRAWING CLASS, THEY DREW VALENTINE CARDS, ELDER SHOWED HIS TRUE FIBRE! WAS HE SATISFIED TO LEAN BACK AND SCRAWL THESE PHONEY HEARTS LIKE YOU SEE ON PLAYING CARDS, ETC.? NO! OUR ELDER DID ***RESEARCH!*** HE GOT AHOLD OF A ***REAL*** HEART WHICH HE THEN PROCEEDED TO MAKE A MAGNIFICENT DRAWING OF TO THE TEACHER'S WONDERMENT... ESPECIALLY SINCE THE REAL HEART HE GOT AHOLD OF, WAS HUMAN!



HIS TALENT WAS NOT CONFINED TO ART CLASS!... YOU KNOW HOW IN SCIENCE CLASS, YOU DRAW DIAGRAMS OF EXPERIMENTS IN YOUR NOTE BOOK? WELL... BELOW IS A TYPICAL PAGE OUT OF A NORMAL STUDENT'S SCIENCE NOTES! NEXT TO IT IS A TYPICAL PAGE OUT OF ELDER'S SCIENCE NOTES! YOU KNOW WHAT?... ELDER NEVER COPIED HIS DIAGRAMS OUT OF THE TEXT-BOOKS!... INSTEAD, THE PEOPLE FROM THE TEXT-BOOKS CAME AND COPIED DIAGRAMS ***OUT OF ELDER'S NOTES!***



BILL (CHICKEN-FAT) ELDER DEPT., CONTINUED: NOW WE COME TO PART WHERE HIS VIRTUES, ABILITIES AND TALENTS JELLED, CRYSTALIZING INTO THE BILL ELDER WE KNOW TODAY! IN OTHER WORDS, NOW WE COME TO PART WHERE HE WAS DEFINITELY AN IDIOT! THIS THEN, IS THE YOUTH OLD ENOUGH TO PURSUE VIRTUOUS GOALS, IDEALS, GRAND PURPOSES TOO YOUNG TO PURSUE MAIN IMPORTANTEST THING OF ALL MONEY! THIS THEN IS *BILL ELDER*...

THE YOUNG ARTIST!

(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT SHOLDERER, MANET RENOIR ASTRUC ZOLA MAITRE BAZILLE MONET NOTE ELDER CIRCLED)

NATURALLY LIKE MOST YOUNG ARTISTS ELDER TURNED TO OIL PAINTING! STARTING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LADDER! HE DID THIS OIL PAINTING A WALL!

YESSIR HE KNEW LIKE EVERYONE ELSE HE'D HAVE TO START FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE LADDER! HIS NEXT OIL PAINTING WAS THIS CEILING!

MATTER OF FACT HE ONCE TRIED STARTING FROM THE TOP OF THE LADDER! SPILLED THE PAINT AND BROKE 2 RIBS! HIS NEXT OIL PAINTING WAS THIS FENCE!

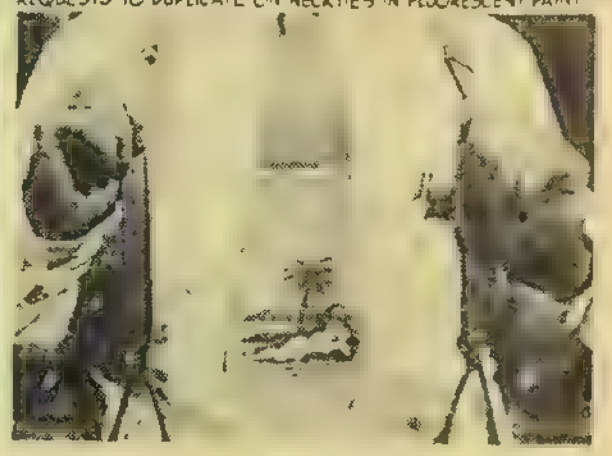
REALIZING HOUSE PAINTING WASN'T CREATIVE ENOUGH .. ELDER WITH EASEL AND BRUSHES TOOK TO THE HIGH ROAD! BELOW IS AN EXAMPLE OF HIS WORK WHILE ON THE HIGH-ROAD A BILLBOARD (HE PAINTED THE MUSTACHES)

UNLIKE MOST MUSTACHE ARTISTS ELDER PUT HIS CREATIVE GENIUS TO WORK AS IN THIS "SCHLEPPES" BILLBOARD WHERE INSTEAD OF PAINTING A MUSTACHE ON ELDER PAINTED THE MUSTACHE OFF THE MAN FROM SCHLEPPES!

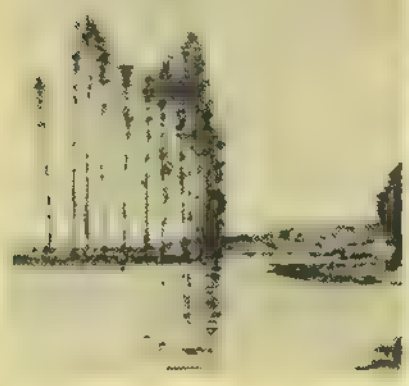
FINALLY HIS FIRST PAINTING FOR RESTITUTION!! A RED LETTER DAY IN HIS LIFE MAINLY SINCE HE HAD TO PAINT "HOT LIPS LIPSCHITZ AND HIS BAND" IN RED LETTERS ON A DRUM WITH A PICTURE OF THE SUN SETTING OVER A TROPIC ISLE A RECLINING NUDE ON THE SHORE!

"FREE BEER

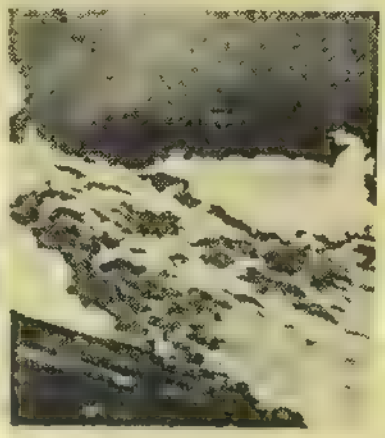
IMMEDIATELY ELDER'S PAINTING CAUGHT ON! FRIENDS WERE STRUCK BY THE DESIGN BY THE BOLD COLORS BY THE DYNAMIC SYMMETRY AND MAINLY BY THE NUDE WHICH HE RECEIVED MANY REQUESTS TO DUPLICATE ON NECKTIES IN FLUORESCENT PAINT!



AT THIS PERIOD, CLOD ELDER, NEEDLESS TO SAY WAS STILL IN THE CRUDEST STAGE. DOING PAINTINGS PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD. LIKE FORINSTANCE, LAND-SCAPES...

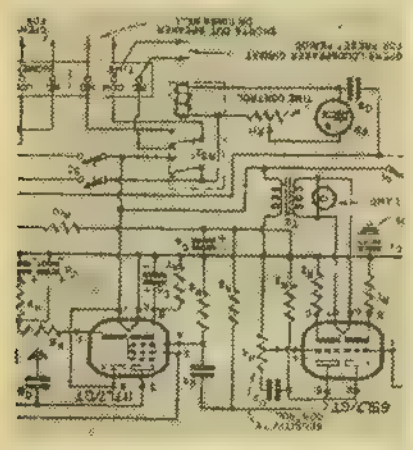


... SEA-SCAPES...

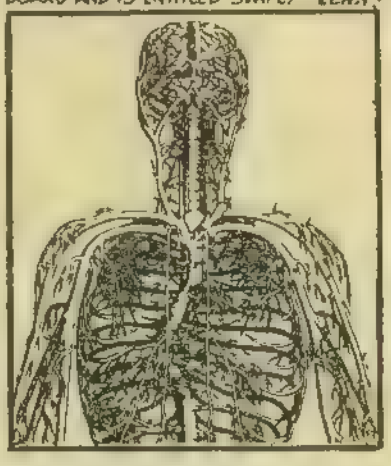


...AND FIRE-SCAPES!

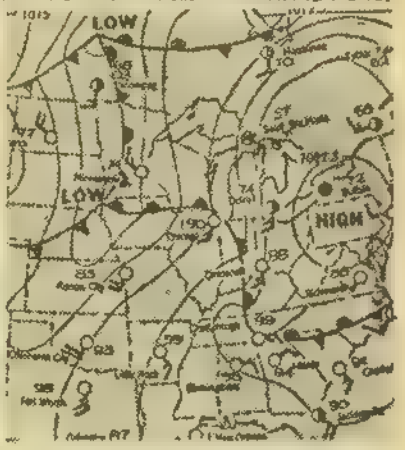
BUT.. WITH PRACTICE.. HE WAS SOON ABLE TO DO PAINTINGS PEOPLE DID NOT UNDERSTAND! HERE IS HIS FIRST ABSTRACT PAINTING TITLED *"CHICKEN-FAT"*!



THIS IS HIS SECOND ABSTRACT WHICH IS INTENDED TO CONVEY THE FEELING OF A FINGERNAIL SCRITCHING ON A BLACKBOARD AND IS ENTITLED SIMPLY *"ECHY"*!



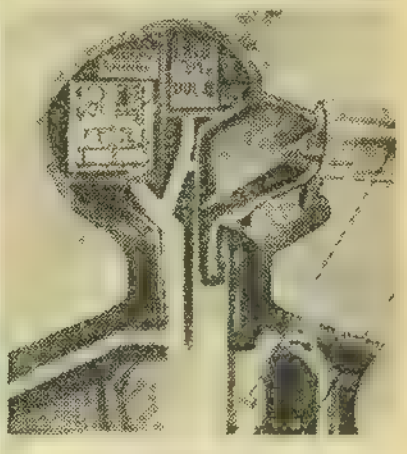
THIS THIRD ABSTRACT CONVEYS A FEELING OF WEATHER. WEATHER IT'S GOING TO BE HOT.. WEATHER IT'S GOING TO BE COLD... AND IS SIMPLY ENTITLED *"HURRICANE CAROL"*!



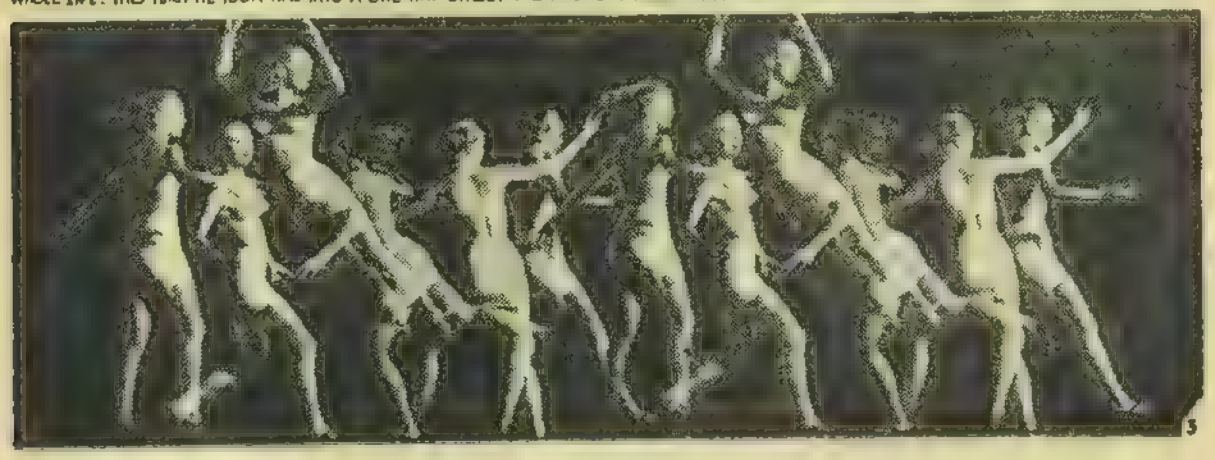
NEXT, YOUNG ELDER WAS INTRODUCED TO THE TYPE ART WHERE YOU DISTORT AN IMAGE TO GET TWO VIEWS AT THE SAME TIME AS IN THIS, HIS FOURTH ABSTRACT... *"GIN"*!

HIS FIFTH, BY THE CLEVER USE OF FLAT PLANES, CREATES AN ILLUSION OF DEPTH! BESIDES PLANES IS USED SAWS, HAMMERS, NAILS, ETC. AS IN THIS ONE CALLED *"LEWTTOWN"*!

HIS SIXTH CREATES A FEELING OF CLASHING HARMONY, YET AN INNER TRANQUILITY! IN OTHER WORDS, BUFFERIN ACTS TWICE AS FAST AS ASPIRIN IN THIS ABSTRACT CALLED *"URP"*!



EXPERIMENTING ROUGHLY ALONG THE LINES OF MARCEL DUCHAMP'S *"NUDE DESCENDING A STAIRCASE,"* YOUNG ELDER PAINTED THIS SEVENTH ABSTRACT ENTITLED, *"I DREAMED I DESCENDED A STAIRCASE IN MY PLAYTEX UNDERWEAR"*! AFTER A WHOLE SERIES OF SUCH BRILLIANT ABSTRACTS, ELDER SUDDENLY COMPLETELY CHANGED HIS ART STYLE. SUDDENLY TOOK A TURN THAT CHANGED HIS WHOLE OUTLOOK.. HIS WHOLE *LIFE*! THIS TURN HE TOOK WAS INTO A ONE WAY STREET THE WRONG WAY! WHAT A WRECK! STILL PAYING!... CHANGED HIS WHOLE LIFE!



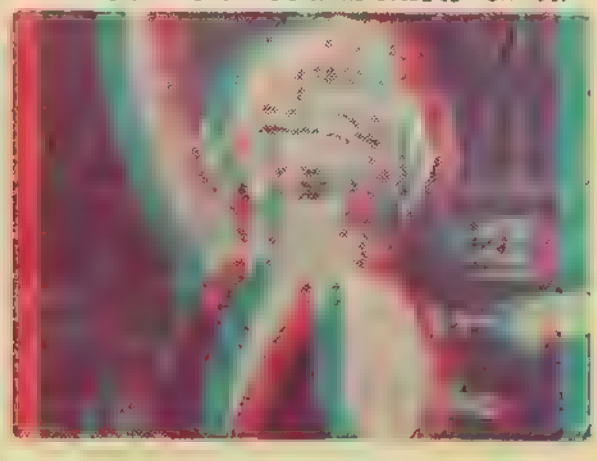
ELDER DID TURN FROM SICKENING ABSTRACTION TO NAUSEATING REALISM. AS IN THIS PAINTING CALLED "DOLORES HOSSENPFEFFER, GLENDA FORBUSH AND SABRINA COZNOWSKI!"

HERE WE HAVE A PAINTING, ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF ELDER'S STARK REALISM, ENTITLED "COZNOWSKI STARK, ZELDA STARK AND ERMENGARDE STARK!

NOTICE BY THE TILT IN THESE PAINTINGS HOW ELDER CAPTURED REALISM CREATED BY A SHORT LEG ON HIS EASEL AS IN THIS PAINTING, "COZNOWSKI COZNOWSKI"

YOU MIGHT THINK HE HAD CREATED THE ULTIMATE IN ABSOLUTE REALISM! . NOT SO! WITH THIS PAINTING ENTITLED "DOMM-DO-DOMM-DOMMM", ELDER ACHIEVED NEW HEIGHTS OF REALISM! (INCIDENTALLY THE FIGURE ON THE LEFT IS PURPORTEDLY SAYING "HOW'S YOUR MOM ED?")

HERE YOU WILL NOTICE HOW ELDER ATTEMPTED TO CONVEY A FEELING OF REALISM DEPTH . SOLIDITY IN THIS PAINTING CALLED "VA-VA VOOM"! TO OBSERVE, HOLD ANY OLD 3-D GLASSES BEFORE THE FACE JUST ENOUGH TO LET THE EYEBALLS BULGE COMFORTABLY!

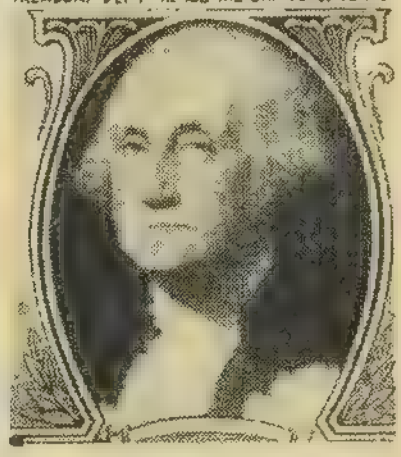


FINALLY.. THE LAST EXAMPLE OF THIS NONSENSE (WE ARE RELIEVED TO SAY), HIS FINAL EXPERIMENT IN REALISM ... A PAINTING IN CINEMA SCOPE! (CURVE TO VIEW PROPERLY!) THEY LAUGHED WHEN THEY FOUND YOUNG ELDER PAINTING . HIS CANVAS CURVED AROUND HIS HEAD! FEW VISUALIZED THE USE THIS TECHNIQUE WOULD RECEIVE IN YEARS TO COME FEW EXCEPT SOME FAR SIGHTED ESKIMOS DOWN FROM THE NORTH POLE WHO FOUND THESE PAINTINGS EXCELLENT DECORATIONS FOR FITTING THE CURVED WALLS OF THEIR IGLOOS!

NOW COMES THE MOST BRILLIANT PART OF HIS CAREER WHEN HE DID THE FOLLOWING PAINTINGS..."*MONA LISA*" (ACTUALLY MONA COZNOWSKI

..'*BLUE BOY*'.. INSPIRED BY THE POEM. "LITTLE BOY BLUE, COME BLOW YOUR HORN"! NOTE HOW THE "BLUE BOY" RUBS WHERE THE FARMER HIT FOR NOT TENDING THE SHEEP!

"*GEORGE WASHINGTON*" ELDER STARTED THIS PAINTING WITH THE INTENTION OF DUPLICATING A DOLLAR BILL BUT WAS INTERRUPTED BY THE TREASURY DEPT! HENCE THE UNFINISHED PORTION!



"*YOUNG WOMAN WITH A WATER JUG*".. HERE WE SEE ONE OF YOUNG ELDER'S MANY GIRL-FRIENDS... THIS ONE JUST COME FROM THE BARBER-SHOP, TOWELS AND ALL. WAS IN THE ACT OF THROWING SLOP INTO THE BACK LOT INSTEAD OF THE GARBAGE-PAIL!

"*WHISTLER'S MOTHER*".. NOTE THE TENSE EXPRESSION ON THE SUBJECT DUE TO HER SON'S CONSTANT MADDENING WHISTLING IN THE NEXT ROOM WHICH SHE BY THE WAY ENDED WITH A SMALL REVOLVER SHE HELD CONCEALED IN HER 'KERCHIEF!

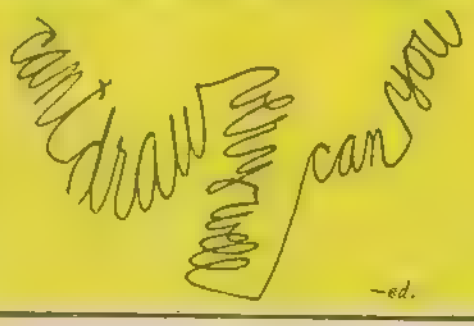
.. AND FINALLY THE MOST AMBITIOUS UNDERTAKING. THE "*CEILING OF THE SIXTINE CHAPEL*," A HUGE CEILING MURAL! YOU MIGHT THINK THAT YOUNG ELDER HAD TO ERECT SCAFFOLDS AND PAINT FOR DAYS WHILE LYING FLAT ON HIS BACK! NOT SO! INSTEAD, THE BUILDING WAS INGENIOUSLY BUILT *UPSIDE-DOWN*, ADJACENT TO ITS OWN FOUNDATIONS! ELDER THEN DID THE MURAL ON THE FLOOR AND WHEN IT WAS DRY, THE BUILDING WAS ROLLED RIGHT SIDE UP ONTO ITS FOUNDATIONS MUCH LIKE A BARREL! IT'S AMAZING WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH LEVERS!

MAD MUMBLINGS

Dear Editors:

Because Monday came on Friday instead of Thursday, you are invited to a Christmas Eve on the afternoon of an Easter morning, July 4th. The party is to be held at 12 below zero, provided that the sun is shining bright that night. Admission is free to all children over 70 years of height. The boat will leave the airport at 13:00 A.M. If you miss the car, swim over to the train and wait because we don't charge for being on time. When you get to the drugstore on the corner, in the middle of the block, you will have gone the wrong way. So jump in the little red boat painted green and fly back down the street. Our address is above but we don't live there any more. We live at 33.3⅓ Invisible Street, the house on the vacant lot. Please be on time because we don't expect you anyway. Two shots will be fired at each guest. Anyone found dead will be tried for murder.—Johnny Jenkins—Beaumont, Tex

. I followed the dots on the cover of MAD #18, and it turned out to be one furshlugginer mess. What the heck is it supposed to be?—Bob Sherman—Seattle, Wash



—ed.

I'm a little tired of reading the foolish letters from your ardent fans and bitter enemies which you print in Mad Mumblings. In one letter I find an opinion voiced that your publication is seducing the minds of our youngsters. The next letter is from a simple minded person who eulogizes you as intellectual giants. Enough of this nonsense. Gentlemen, you have a magazine which, like any other publication, is sometimes good, sometimes bad. What you are doing is better then the efforts of your competitors, but still leaves much to be desired. I feel that it would be conceited to claim that your endeavors are highly intelligent simply because I happen to enjoy them. However, the stodgy, stiff-minded people who condemn MAD strike me as very narrow-minded. At the moment, I find your magazine very funny, and so for the past two years I have been a subscriber. I presume that I will some day outgrow MAD. When that happens, I shall terminate my relations with you.—Robert Crosman—Silver Springs, Md

.. What do you do when your mother thinks that you people are writing crime comics in MAD? I told my mother you write funny comics ... she said "Yes, I know. Sixteen ways to kill a man."... What to do?—Wayne Steele—North Wilkesboro, N. C

... MAD comics smell like under my toes. But I like the smell under my toes anyway. I have six toes because I soak them in Phud. I also chew on my feet.—Dead Fred—Princeton, Ill

. I don't know if you know it or not but I was the kid who sent in the MAD #13 to be autographed by you eds., artists, etc., and I want to say thank you, and there isn't another Comic Company in the business that would do that but E.C. E.C. is the only company that cares a hoot about the readers.—Jimmy Riley—Harrisburg, Ill.

. I know what a Potrzebie is. It's a Bloodle that has been jitzing so fast that it coxorzpqled —Anonymous

I hold an unshakable opinion that Potrzebie and Veeblefetzer are hoaxes perpetrated by several drunken artists.—Gerald Burns—St. Clair Shores, Mich

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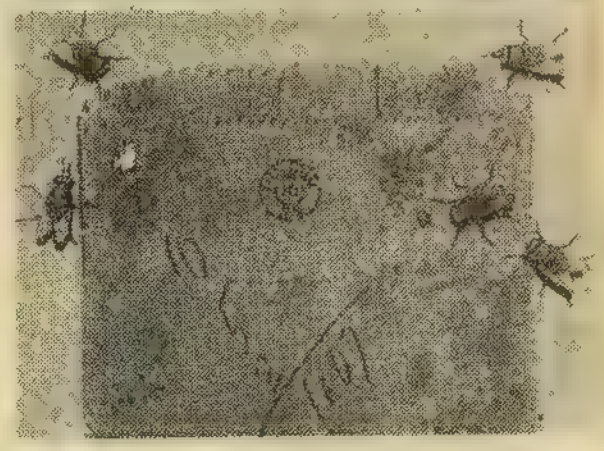
NOW SO FAR, ELDER DID NOTHING FOR THE REPRODUCTION (EXCEPT MAYBE RAISE RABBITS)! THIS THEN WAS HIS FIRST JOB TO BE REPRODUCED (ON THE MIMEOGRAPH).. A HAND-DRAWN MENU!.. IT IS INTERESTING THAT IN THIS CASE THE CHICKEN-FAT STAINS WERE *NOT* ELDERS!

BY GEORGE ..THINGS WERE HAPPENING NOW! HIS NEXT PIECE OF PRINTED ART WORK WAS THIS PAPER BAG TRADE MARK!.. HERE AGAIN, THE CHICKEN-FAT STAINS WERE *NOT* ELDERS...THIS LAST EXISTING SAMPLE HAVING BEEN MISTAKENLY USED FOR A GARBAGE-PAIL LINER!



HIS NEXT ASSIGNMENT WAS *BIG*-TIME.. HERE REPRODUCED ORIGINAL SIZE, ONE OF THE LESSER ADS FROM THE NEWSPAPER MOVIE-PAGE! TRUE...A SMALL, MODEST BEGINNING BUT EVEN SO, THE INIMITABLE, NAUSEATING ELDER STYLE CAN BE DETECTED! .IN RAPID ORDER HE DID A WHOLE SERIES OF MOVIE ADS.. HERE REPRODUCED ORIGINAL SIZE! AS YOU CAN PLAINLY SEE, EACH CONSECUTIVE AD WAS BIGGER THAN THE LAST! BY GEORGE ..THINGS WERE *REALLY* HAPPENING!..WHY AT THIS RATE, ELDER MIGHT BE DOING *FULL PAGE ADS* IN 97 YEARS!

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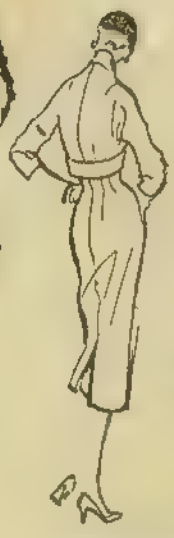

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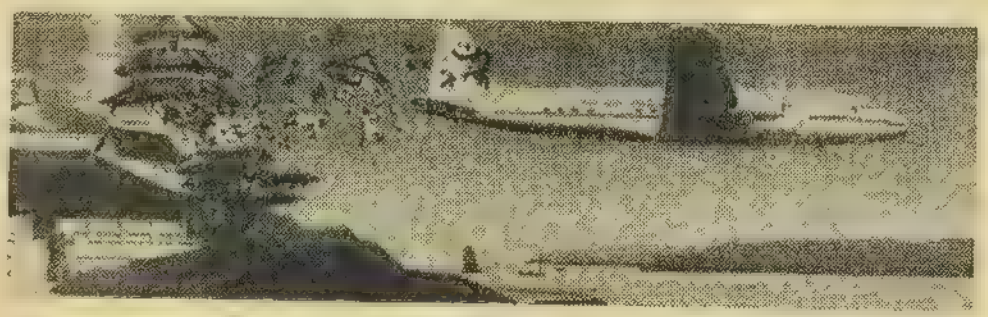

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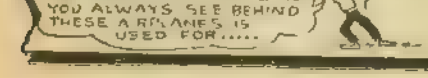

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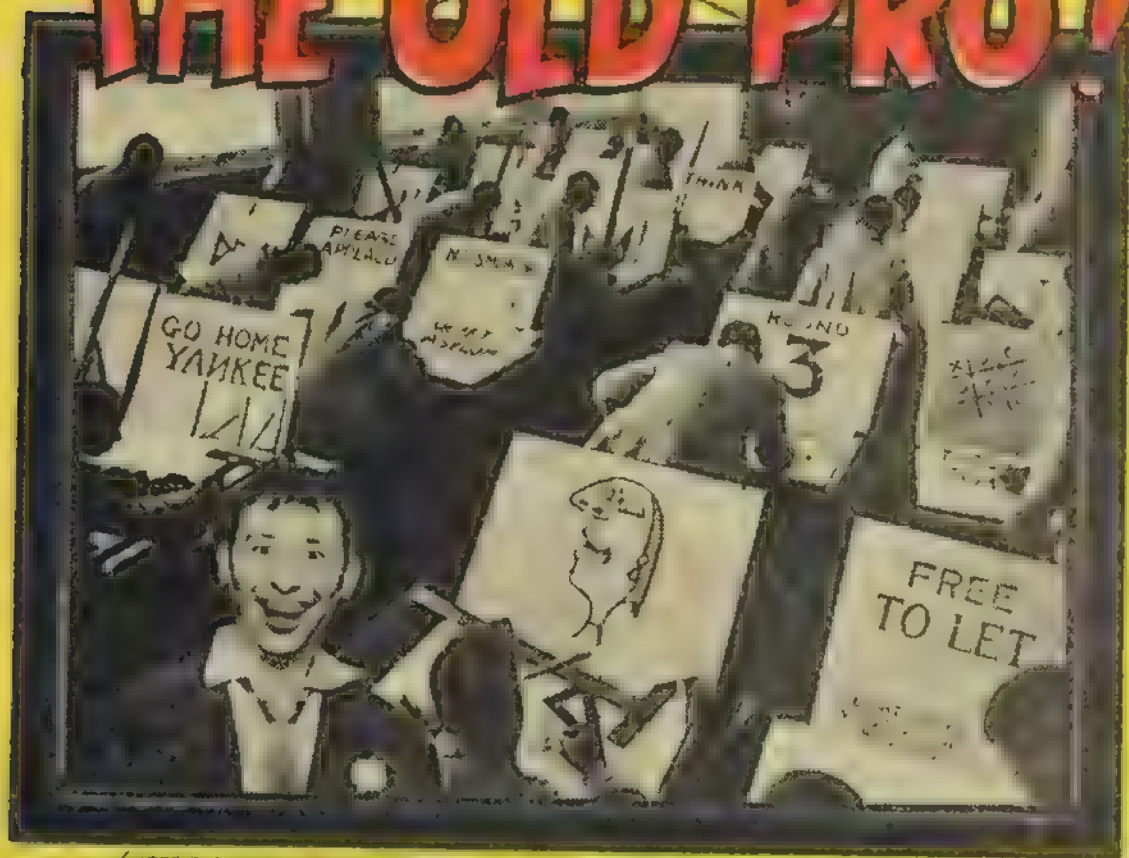
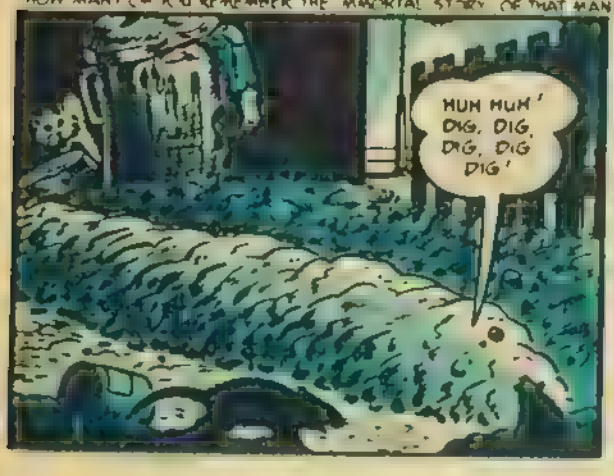
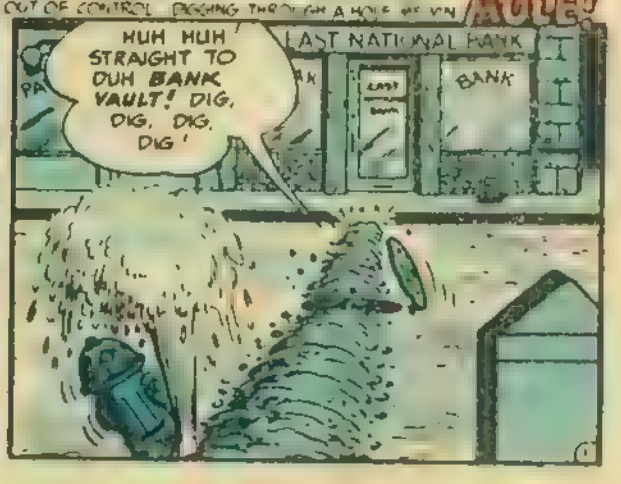
THE OLD PRO!

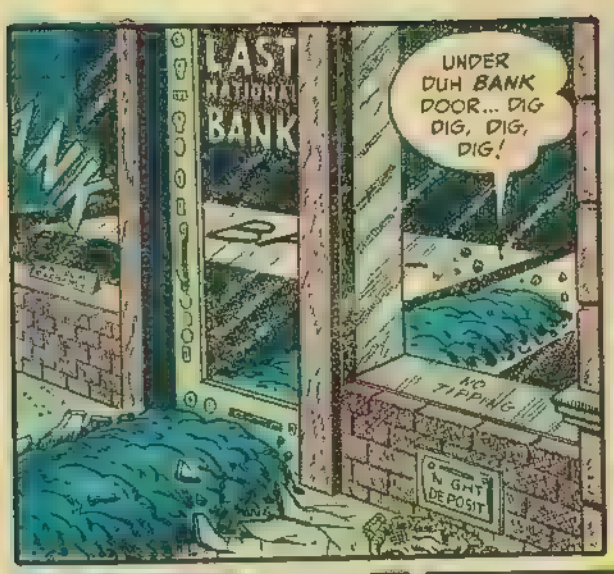


(NOTE ELDER'S SUCCESSFUL STUDIO IN THE BACKGROUND WITH SOME OF HIS ASSISTANTS HARD AT WORK)

IT WAS WHEN THE ARTIST TURNED TO COMIC-BOOKS THAT HIS GENIUS CAME TO FULL FLOWER. HIS EXPERIENCE WITH PAINT CHICKEN FAT BOSCO GREEN FLIES ALL TOGETHER BROUGHT HIS GENIUS TO FULL FLOWER. NAMELY SKUNK CABBAGE. WHAT BETTER OPPORTUNITY DO WE HAVE REPRINT SOME OF HIS FINEST WORK TO PAD THIS COMIC BOOK! THEN NOW HOW MANY OF YOU REMEMBER THE IMMORTAL STORY OF THAT MAN OUT OF CONTROL DIGGING THROUGH A HOLE IN YOUR MOLE!



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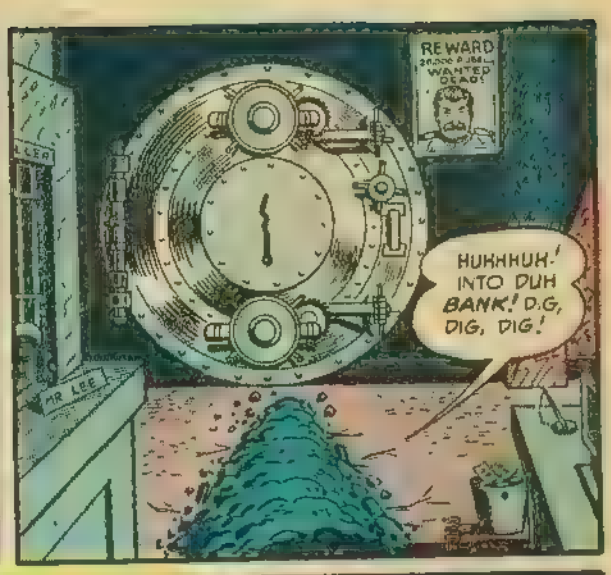
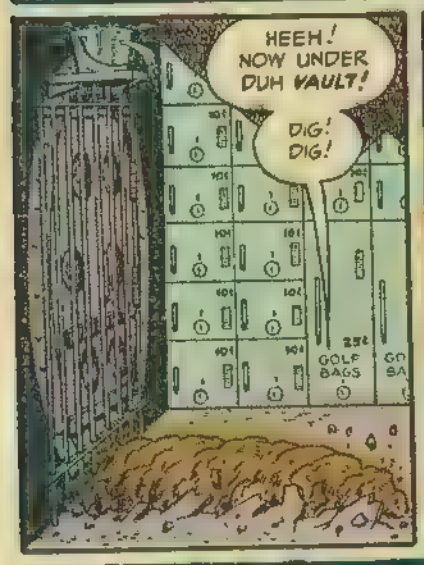
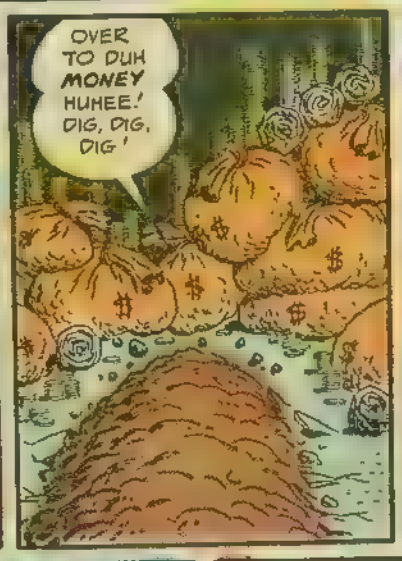
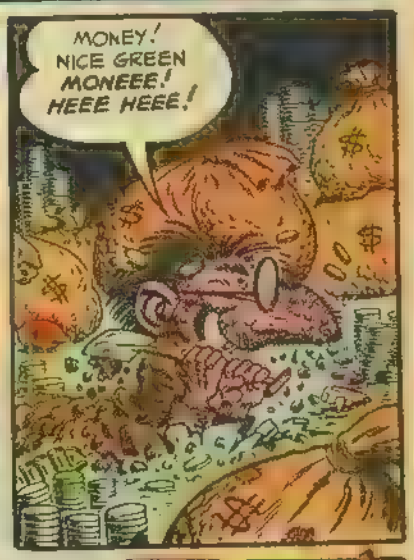
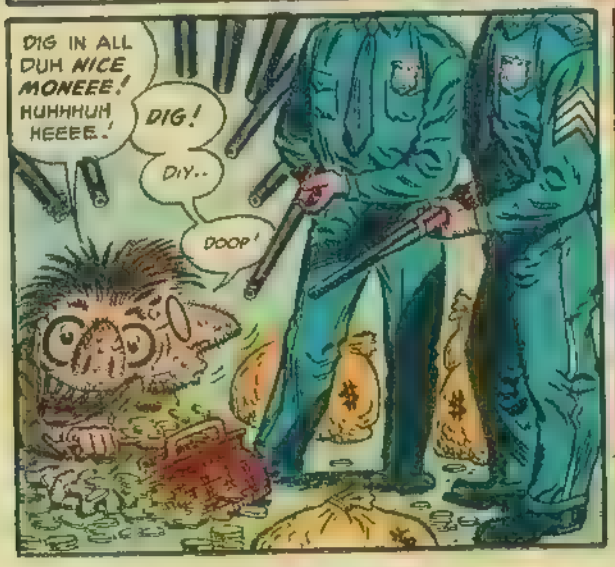
UNDER DUH BANK DOOR... DIG DIG, DIG, DIG!
NO TIPPING
NIGHT DEPOSIT

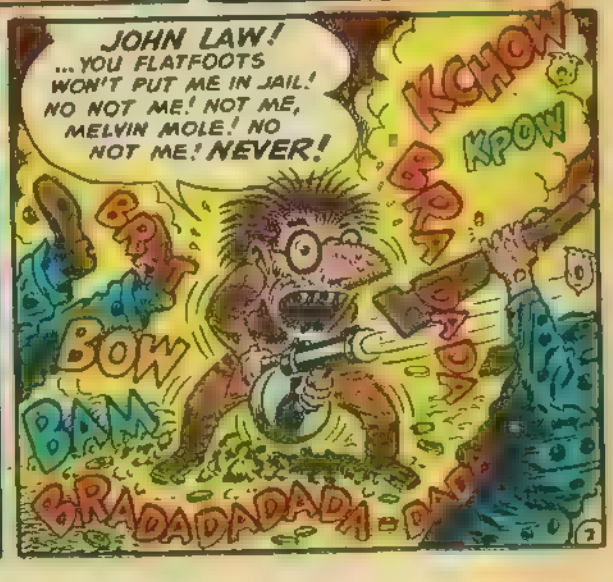

REWARD
WANTED DEAD!
HUHHHUH! INTO DUH BANK! DIG, DIG, DIG!
MR LEE

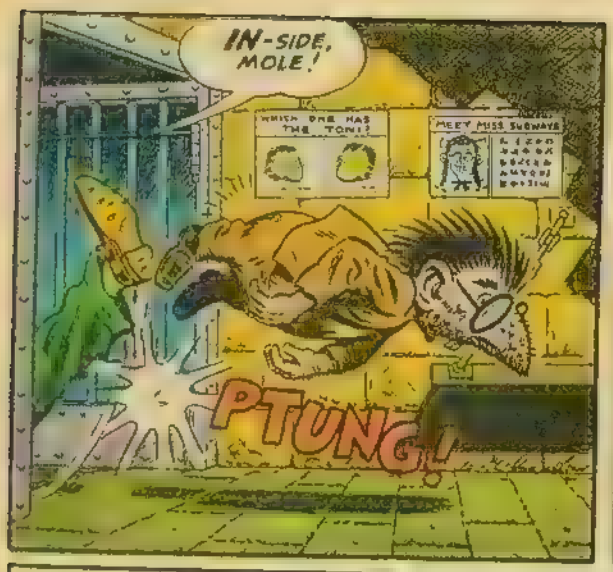

HEEH! NOW UNDER DUH VAULT!
DIG! DIG!
GOLF BAGS

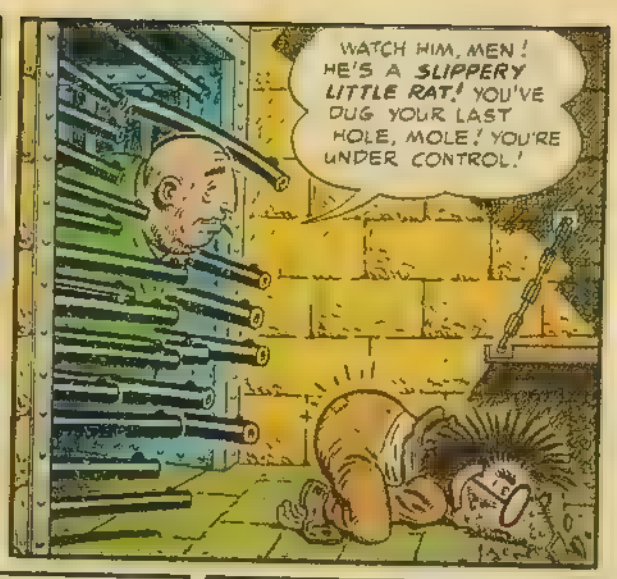

OVER TO DUH MONEY HUHEE! DIG, DIG, DIG!

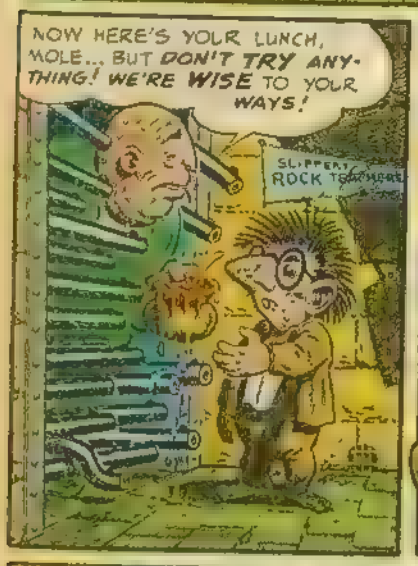

MONEY! NICE GREEN MONEEE! HEEE HEEE!

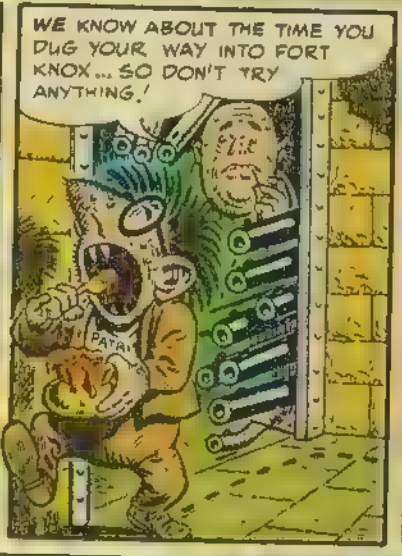

DIG IN ALL DUH NICE MONEEE! HUHHHUH HEEEE!
DIG!
DIY..
DOOP!


JOHN LAW! ...YOU FLATFOOTS WON'T PUT ME IN JAIL! NO NOT ME! NOT ME, MELVIN MOLE! NO NOT ME! NEVER!
KCHOW
KPOW
BRA
BOW
BAM
BRADADADADA


IN-SIDE, MOLE!
WHICH ONE HAS THE TOP!?
MEET MISS SUBWAYS
PTUNG!


WATCH HIM, MEN! HE'S A SLIPPERY LITTLE RAT! YOU'VE DUG YOUR LAST HOLE, MOLE! YOU'RE UNDER CONTROL!


NOW HERE'S YOUR LUNCH, MOLE... BUT DON'T TRY ANYTHING! WE'RE WISE TO YOUR WAYS!
SLIPPERY ROCK TOOTHPICKS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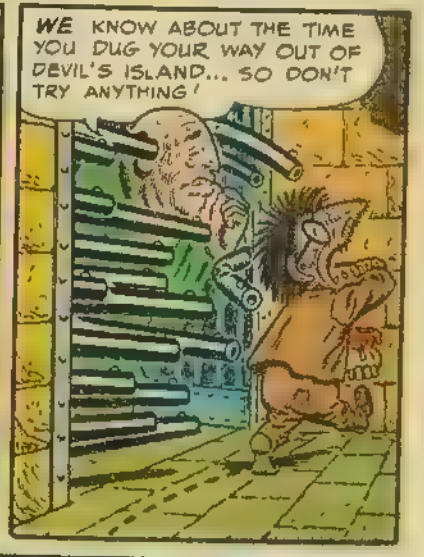
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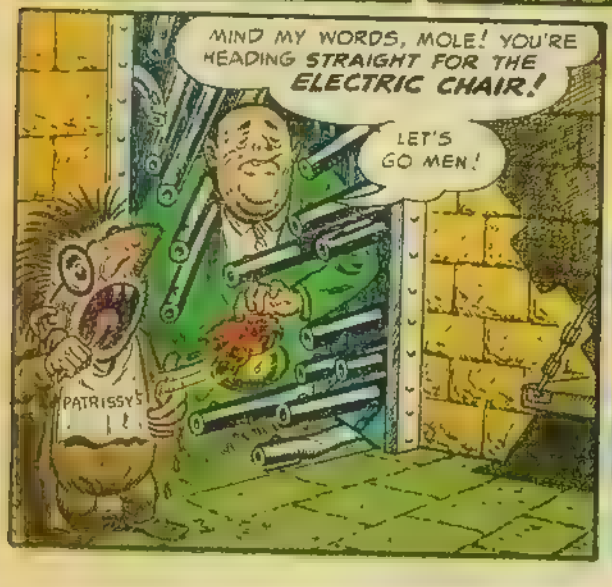
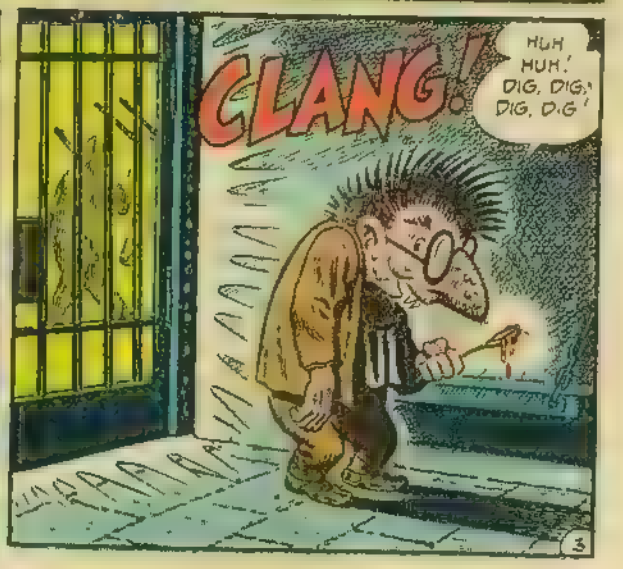
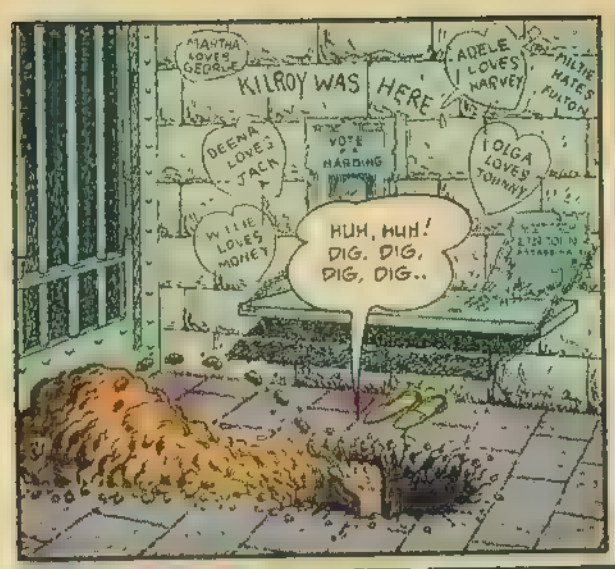
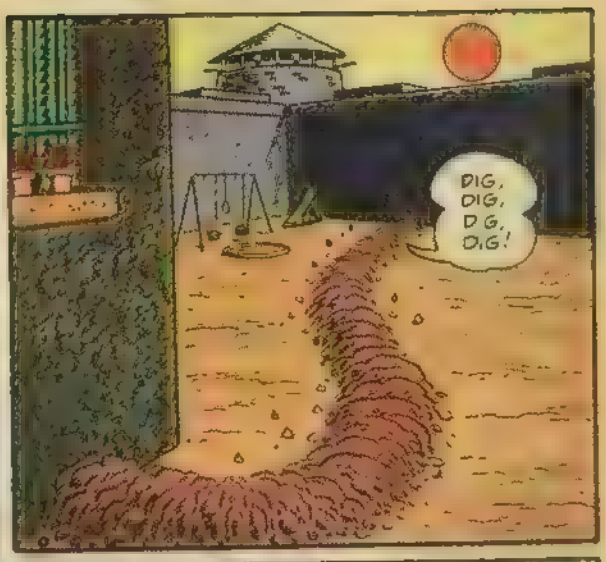

MIND MY WORDS, MOLE! YOU'RE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!
LET'S GO MEN!
PATRISSYS

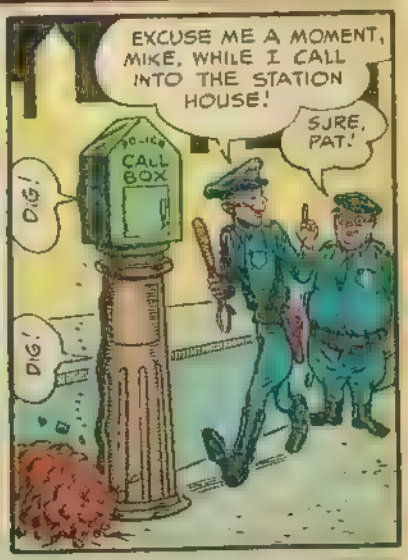

CLANG!
HUH HUH! DIG, DIG, DIG, D-G!

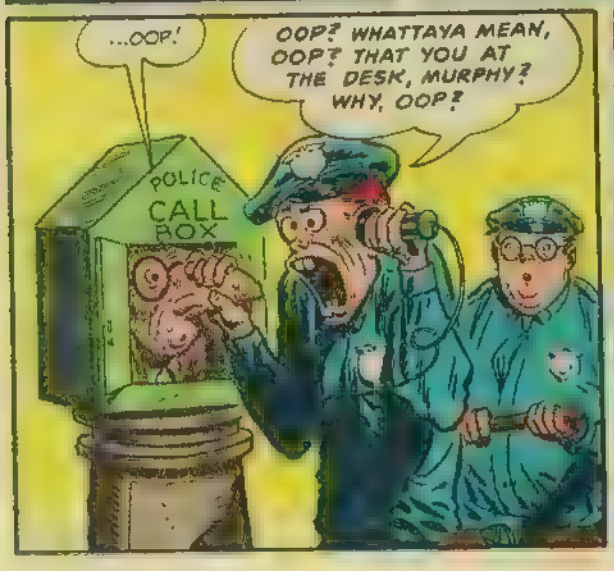

MARTHA LOVES GEORGE
KILROY WAS HERE
ADELE LOVES HARVEY
MILTIE HATES FULTON
DEENA LOVES JACK
VOTE HARDING
OLGA LOVES JOHNNY
WILLIE LOVES MONEY
HUH, HUH! DIG, DIG, DIG, DIG..

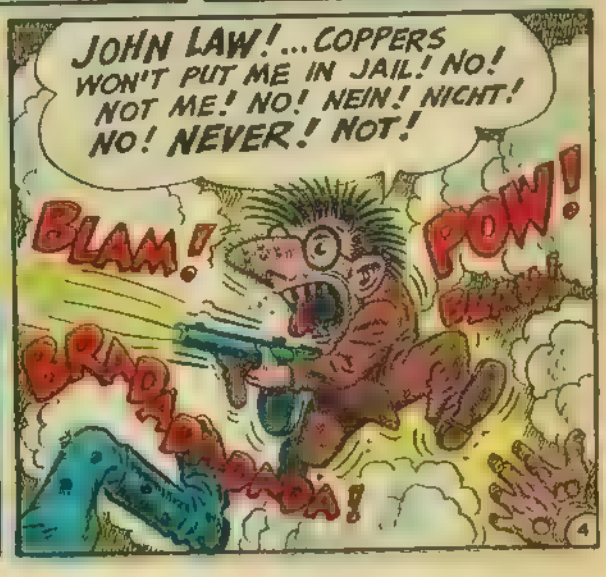

DIG, DIG, DIG, DIG!

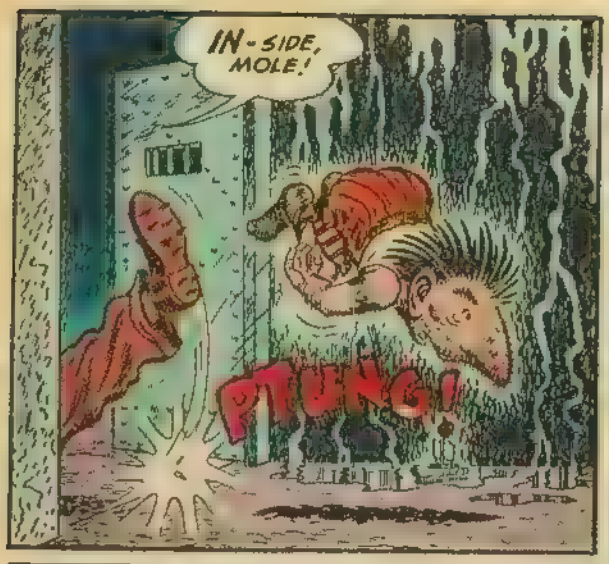
DIG! DIG!
DIG!

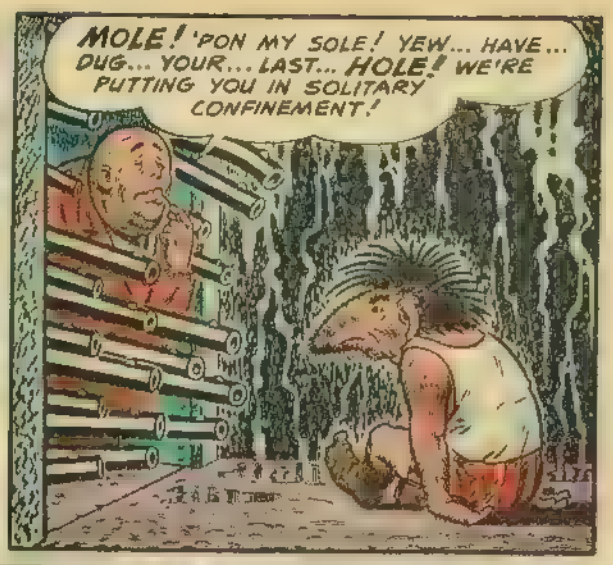
DIG!
DIG!

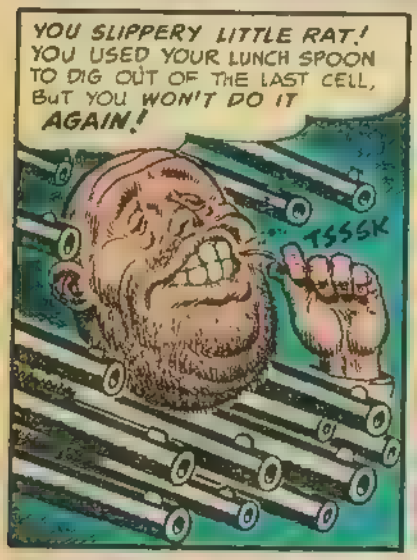

EXCUSE ME A MOMENT, MIKE, WHILE I CALL INTO THE STATION HOUSE!
SURE, PAT!
CALL BOX
DIG!
DIG!

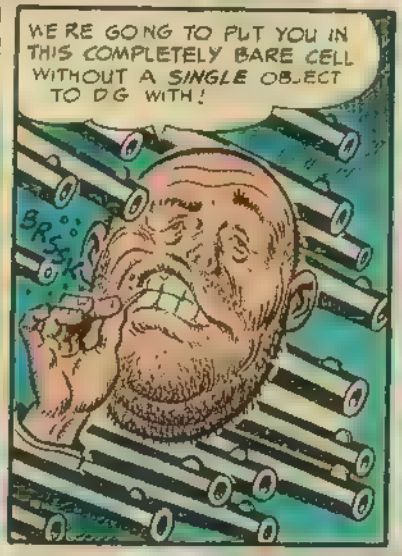

...OOP!
OOP? WHATTAYA MEAN, OOP? THAT YOU AT THE DESK, MURPHY? WHY, OOP?
POLICE CALL BOX

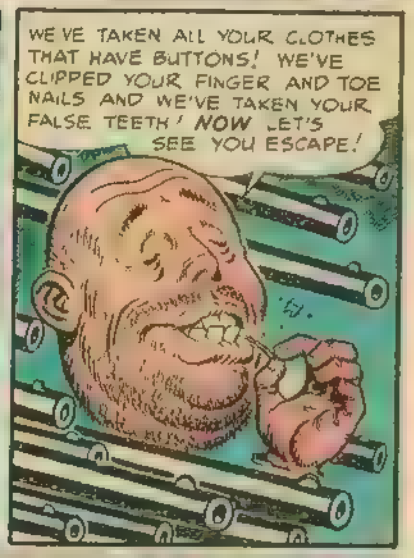

JOHN LAW!...COPPERS WON'T PUT ME IN JAIL! NO! NOT ME! NO! NEIN! NICHT! NO! NEVER! NOT!
BLAM!
POW!
BRADA-BRADA!

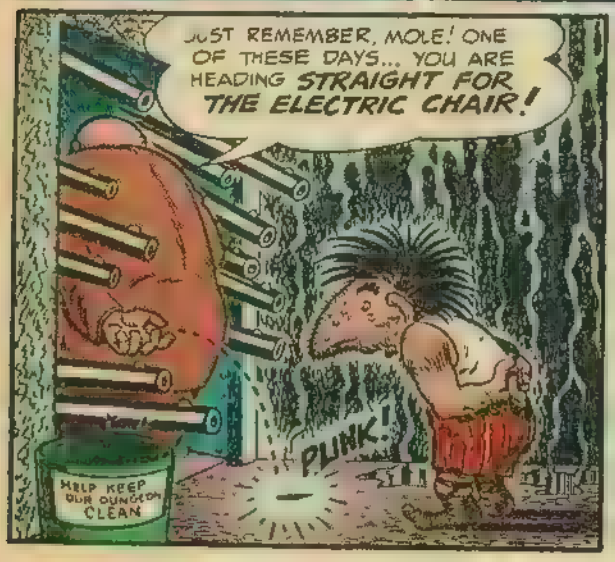

IN-SIDE, MOLE!
PTUNG!

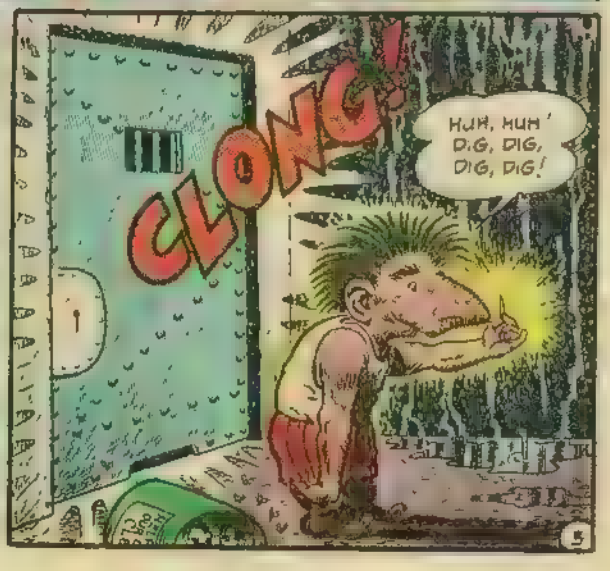

MOLE! 'PON MY SOLE! YEW... HAVE... DUG... YOUR... LAST... HOLE! WE'RE PUTTING YOU IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT!

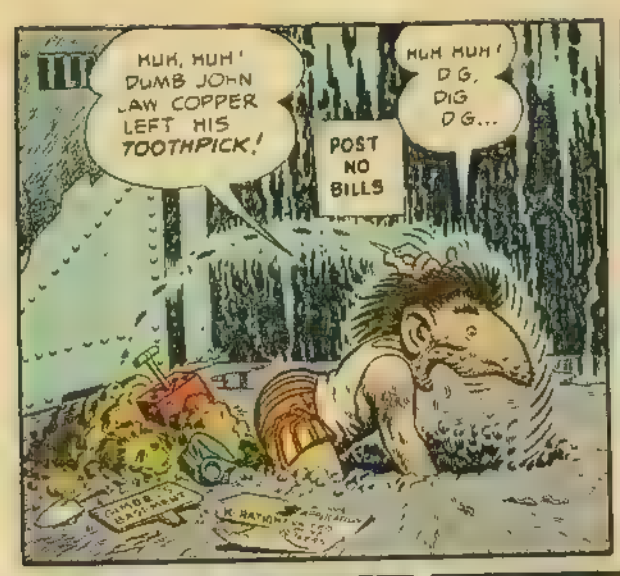

YOU SLIPPERY LITTLE RAT! YOU USED YOUR LUNCH SPOON TO DIG OUT OF THE LAST CELL, BUT YOU WON'T DO IT AGAIN!
TSSSK


WE'RE GOING TO PUT YOU IN THIS COMPLETELY BARE CELL WITHOUT A SINGLE OBJECT TO DIG WITH!
BRSSK


WE'VE TAKEN ALL YOUR CLOTHES THAT HAVE BUTTONS! WE'VE CLIPPED YOUR FINGER AND TOE NAILS AND WE'VE TAKEN YOUR FALSE TEETH! NOW LET'S SEE YOU ESCAPE!


JUST REMEMBER, MOLE! ONE OF THESE DAYS... YOU ARE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!
PLINK!
HELP KEEP OUR DUNGEON CLEAN


CLONG!
HUH, HUH! DIG, DIG, DIG, DIG!

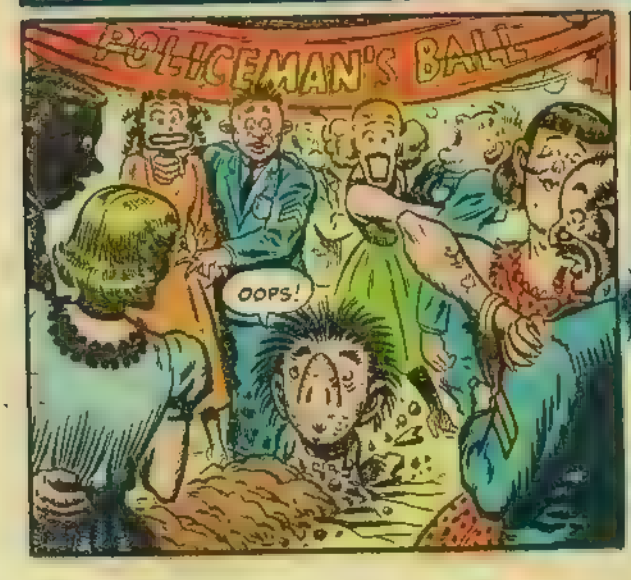

HUH, HUH! DUMB JOHN LAW COPPER LEFT HIS TOOTHPICK!
POST NO BILLS
HUH HUH! DIG, DIG DIG...

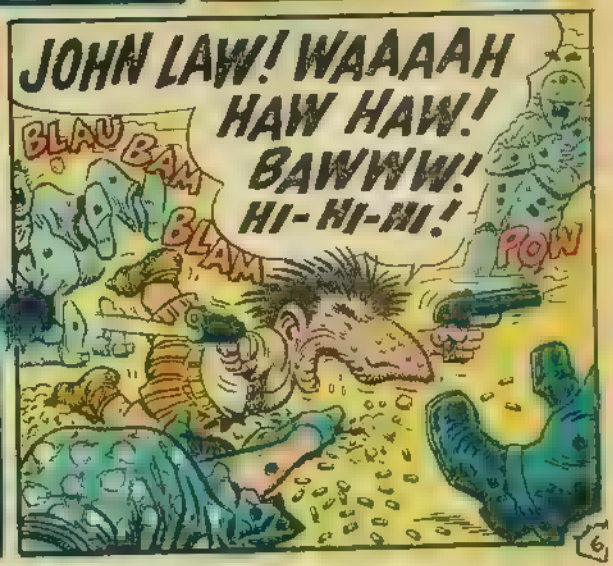
DIG
DIG
DIG!
DIG!
DIG!

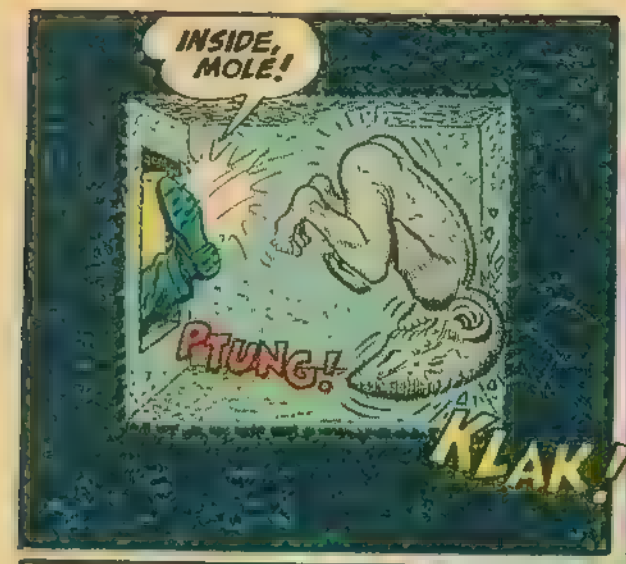
DIG!
DIG!
DIG!
GLIG!
GLIG!
GLIG!

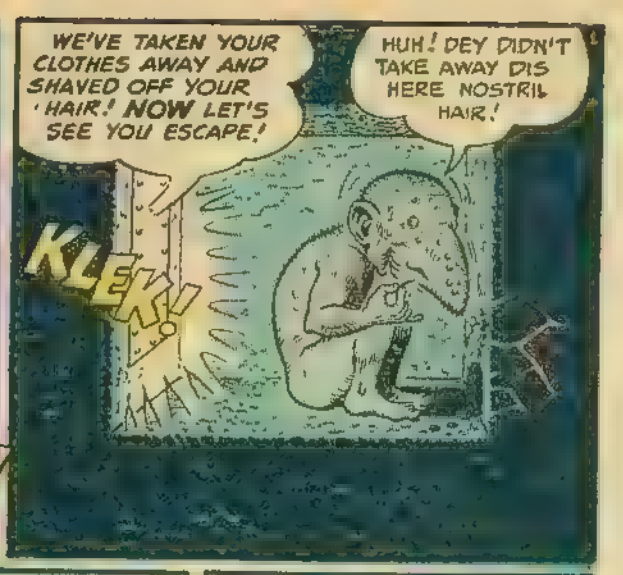
DIG! DIG! I'M HITT'N' SEWER PIPES AN' SUBWAYS! I MUST BE COMIN' TO THE CITY!
DIG!
GLUG!
BLOG!
GLIG!

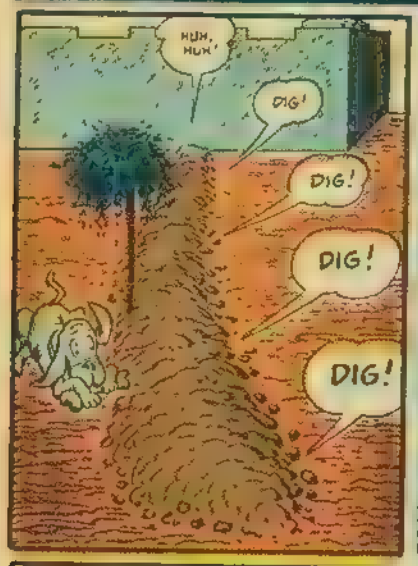
HUH, HUH, I HEAR LOTSA FEET MOVIN'.. LOTSA PEOPLE WALKIN'! A B.G CROWD! THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO! I'LL GET LOST INNA CROWD!
DIG
DIG

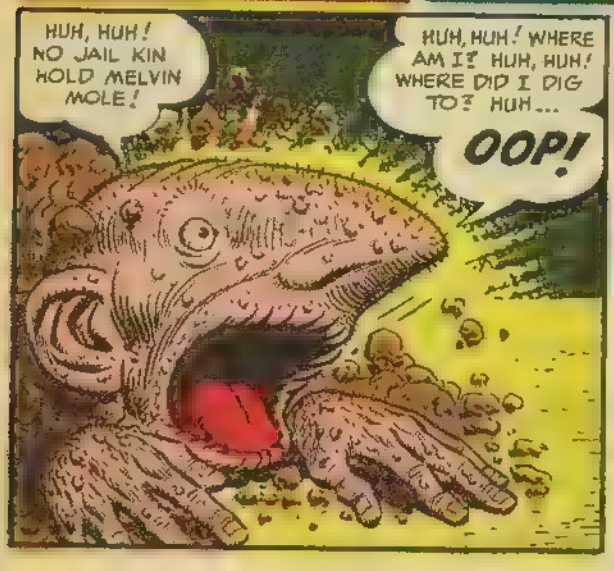

POLICEMAN'S BALL
OOPS!

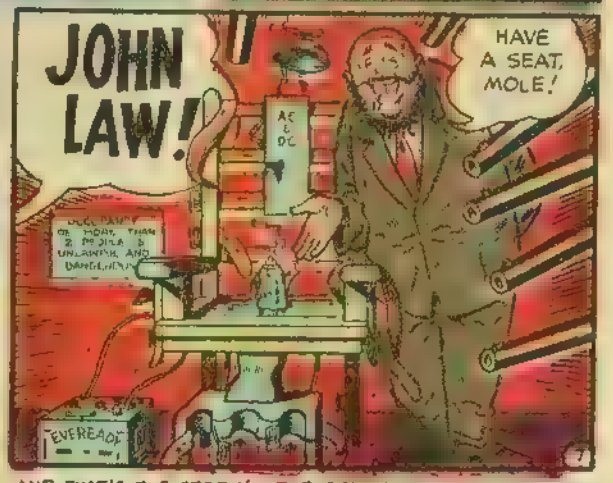

JOHN LAW! WAAAAH HAW HAW! BAWWW! HI-HI-HI!
BLAU BAM
BLAM
PLOW











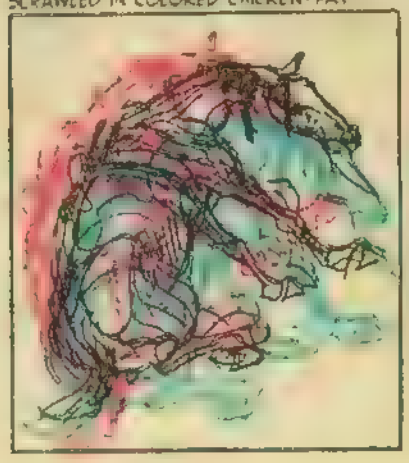
AND THAT'S THE STORY!... THE STORY OF MELVIN MOLE, THE FELLOW WHO DUG... THE FELLOW WHO HEADED ***STRAIGHT FOR THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!***

BILL (CHICKEN-FAT) ELDER DEPT, CONTINUED:.. AND NOW COMES BEST PART 'CAUSE MAINLY IT'S LAST PART TODAY, ELDER ELDER, MUCH LIKE ELDER'S ELDER ELDER, SPENDS MOST OF HIS TIME SITTING AROUND (BELOW) CHEWING THE FAT WITH HIS BUDDIES (CHICKEN FAT, OF COURSE)! NO LONGER DOES HE MEASURE THINGS BY THE FOOLISH STANDARDS OF YOUTH! NO LONGER ARE HIS IDEALS GUIDED BY MONEY! TODAY HE ENJOYS A MELLOWED, SOPHISTICATED, ENLIGHTENED STATE OF MIND. IN OTHER WORDS.

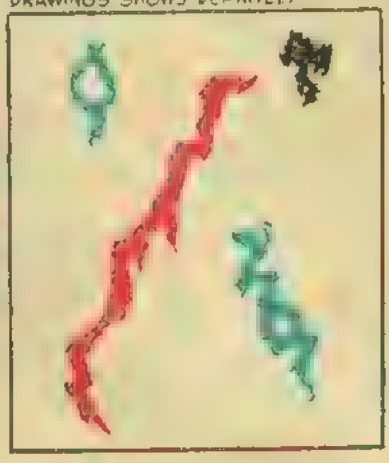
SENILITY!

(NOTE ELDER SQUARED!)

THESE 3 DRAWINGS ARE IN THEIR ORDER, THE VERY LAST DRAWINGS TURNED OUT BY ELDER IN THE LAST MONTH ODDLY ENOUGH, SCRAWLED IN COLORED CHICKEN-FAT!



ON CLOSE EXAMINATION THESE DRAWINGS SEEM TO INDICATE A REGRESSION . A GOING BACK! MATTER OF FACT THE LAST DRAWINGS SHOWS DEFINITELY



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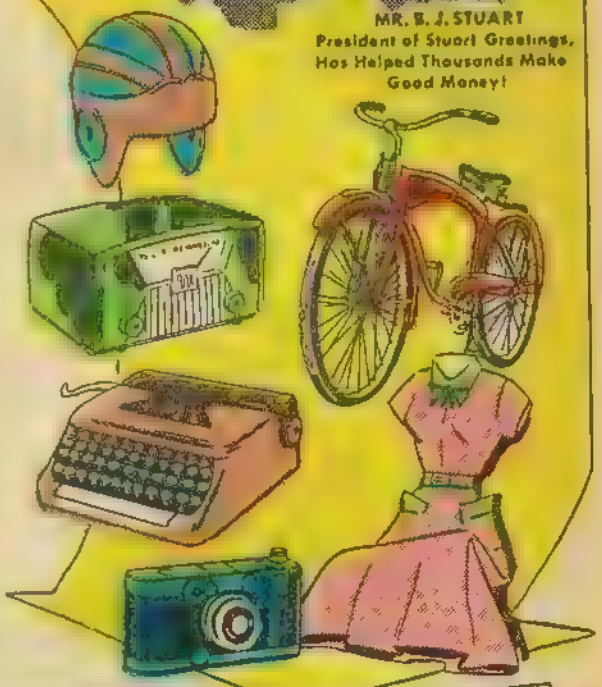

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